UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
FACULTY SENATE RULES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Friday, 16 June 2023
8:30 am

Attendees: David Hoagland, Janice Telfer, Eric Berlin, Steven D. Brewer, Anthony Paik, Jon Berndt Olsen, Michelle Trim, Karen Kalmakis
Absent: Neal Katz
Visitors: none

1. Minutes

   Minutes for the May 5, 2023 and April 7, 2023 meeting submitted reviewed and accepted.

2. Summer approval of document 23-124 and additional proposals
   a. Approved

3. Agenda items for upcoming Senate and Rules Committee meetings

   a. State of the campus address
      i. Will be in September
   b. Fall elections for Rules Committee and election of chair.
      i. Discussion of potential nominations to RC. Considered a) eligibility, b) representation from across campus, c) diversity.
   c. Fall presentations: Donahue Institute and EAP
      i. Discussion about inviting guests for the fall 2023 meetings. Members were in favor of inviting Donahue Institute and Administration and Finance to present at Faculty Senate.
      ii. EAP representatives to present at fall Rules Committee meeting.

4. Discussion items

   a. Nominations (Vacancies on the Nominating Committee)
      i. Many vacancies. Names discussed to represent diversity across colleges.
      ii. Discussion about post-retirement faculty remaining in Faculty Senate. Only those who have post-retirement appointment may continue as Senators.

   b. Language proficiency recommendations

i. Discussion of recommendation for a permanent council. Is this needed, or is there an existing committee that would be be able to address Language proficiency recommendations?
ii. Member of RC to meet with Chair of the ad hoc committee for next steps.

Deferred to next meeting:

c. Segal

d. Glean

e. Equity action plans

f. Search and evaluation procedures

g. Flex

h. Retitle form

i. VCRE fee-for-service proposal submissions

j. Secretary updates (Ombuds transition; Taskforces – AI and Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement; Senate districts; APBC; QQ certificate reviews; medical excuses; website development; required syllabus elements; mode of teaching/flex fees and accommodations)